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TO : THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SAXMUNDHAM URBAN  
DISTRICT COUNCIL . . . . .

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the  
Health and Sanitary State of the District for the  
Year 1954.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.

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## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:

### LIVE BIRTHS:

Legitimate .....  
Illegitimate .....

BIRTH RATE : 15.2

DEATHS: .....

DEATH RATE : 13.5

STILLBIRTHS: (Female legitimate) 1.

TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
21 NONE	11	10
19	8	11

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Deaths from Puerperal Causes ..... NONE.  
Deaths of Infants under 1 year old ..... NONE.  
Deaths of infants under 1 week old ..... NONE.  
Deaths from Cancer ..... 4.  
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea under 2 years ..... NONE.

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### INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

There were no epidemics of infectious disease during the year.  
4 cases of PNEUMONIA were notified, all of which recovered.  
2 cases of WHOOPING COUGH were notified.

#### TUBERCULOSIS:

One case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, female, aged 58, was notified. There were no deaths from this complaint. The fortnightly sessions at the local Chest Clinic continue to provide valuable help in the early diagnosis and treatment and the examination of contacts of pulmonary tuberculosis in this and surrounding areas.

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### WATER SUPPLY:

The Waterworks, now owned by the Blyth Rural District Council, continues to supply water of excellent quality. All wells in the Bigsby's Corner area, except one, have been replaced by mains supply.

### Nitrate Methaeglobinaemia.

Two water samples were taken for Nitrate analysis. The Nitrate content of the first sample was found to be 92 parts per million (dangerous) and the owner of the three cottages drawing water from this well was requested to connect the cottages to the Blyth District Council's water main. The second sample was "safe", the Nitrate content being 14 parts per million.

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### SEWERAGE:

The system of sewerage and sewage disposal has worked satisfactorily during the year.

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### HOUSING:

(a)	No: of Inspections .....	25.
	No: of houses inspected .....	14.
	No: of informal notices served .....	2.
(b)	No: unsatisfactory .....	11.
(c)	No: rendered fit : Informally .....	1.
	Formally .....	NONE.
	No: of cases of overcrowding at end of 1954..	NONE.
	Total No: New houses erected....	
	By Local Authority ....	14
	By Private Enterprise..	4
	No: of Unfit houses demolished .....	17

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### FOOD PREMISES:

(a)	No: of Inspections .....	56
	No: of Premises inspected .....	16
(b)	No: found to be unsatisfactory .....	3
(c)	No: rendered satisfactory by informal action.	3
(d)	No: of Premises registered under Sec. 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938:-	
	(1) Ice Cream : Manufacture .....	NONE.
	Storage and sale .....	4
	(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc.....	NONE.
	Milk Dealers with designated licences..	2
(e)	No: of licensed slaughterhouses .....	2

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FOOD PREMISES (Continued).

Routine Inspections:

Dairies .....  
Ice Cream Premises .....  
Bakehouses .....  
Butcher's Shops .....  
Fish Shops .....  
Slaughterhouses .....  
Greengrocers .....  
Grocers .....  
Animal Food Shops .....  
Factories and Workshops .....

No: of Premises	Inspections
1	2
4	4
3	7
2	2
1	3
2	36
1	1
1	1
1	1
10	15

No: of Informal Notices served re defects ..... 3

No: of Informal Notices complied with ..... 3

NO: OF FOOD PREMISES IN THE AREA, AND TYPES:

Grocers ..... 6  
Snack Bars ..... 1  
Fishmongers ..... 1  
Cafes ..... 2  
Bakers ..... 3  
Greengrocers ..... 3  
Butchers ..... 2  
Confectioners ..... 4

FOOD INSPECTION:

(a) Meat ... Is 100% inspection being carried out? ..... Yes.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No: Killed ...	64	NONE	10	47	81
No: Inspected.	64	NONE	10	47	81

Whole Carcasses condemned .....NONE.

Part Carcase condemned.....TUBERCULOSIS .. .. NONE  
OTHER CAUSES (Cattle  
excluding cows .. .. 4



(b) OTHER FOODS.

247 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of assorted foods, 26 $\frac{3}{4}$  pints of condensed milk and 1 gammon were condemned.

Disposal: Condemned Meat to Suffolk Bone & Fat Co.  
Other Foods : Refuse Tips.

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PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL)

Moveable Dwellings

No: of Site and/or Individual Licences ..... NONE.

Rats and Mice Destruction

<u>No: of Premises treated</u>	(a) Dwellinghouses .....	11.
	(b) Other Premises .....	9.
<u>No: of Premises Inspected</u>		125.
	Rat Infestation. Major .....	17.
	Minor .....	33.
	Mice only .....	-.
	No: treated .....	50.
	No: of Block Treatments .....	5.

Disinfection, etc.

No: of Premises Disinfected ..... -.

No: of Premises Disinfested ..... 3.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Frequency of Collection ..... WEEKLY.

Disposal ..... TO REFUSE TIP.

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SHOPS ACT, 1950. (Sec. 38).

No: of Shops Inspected .....	12
Inspections .....	15
Contravention found .....	1
Remedied .....	NONE

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HOUSING ACT, 1949.

One application for Improvement Grant was received and refused.